(SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Botanically speaking, coconut is considered as an oilseed but because of utilisatioa of its fibre in the coir industry it is required to be treated as a special category. However, in view of important contribution of coconut oil—it needs to form an integral part of edible oil strategy and, as such, it has been decided to treat copra/coconut as an oil seed.

(b) The Coconut Development Board is implementing various schemes with a financial outlay of Rs. 225 lakhs for the year 1990-91. The major projects being implemented by the Board dur ing 1990-91 are: —

(i) Production and distribution of TXD hybrid coconut seedlings;

(ii) Expansion of area under coconut granting planting subsidy;

(iii) Integrated farming in coconut small holdings in Kerala;

(iv) Providing assistance for irrigation facilities to coconut growers;

(v) Integrated control of major pests and diseases, etc.

(c) No new subsidies have been announced consequent to the declara tion of coconut as an oilseed of tree origin. However, under the following two schemes (continuing) subsidy is given: —

(i) Area Expansion Scheme;

(ii) Financial Assistance for irrigation facilities.

(d) No new subsidy has been announced in view of the position narrated in the answer t_0 part (c).

EEC Aid to NDDB

*127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that NDDB has recently got Rs. 90 crores as an economic aid from EEC; and

(b) if so, to what extent this aid has been utilised b_y the NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) During the year 1990, NDDB has not received any commodity/cash assistance from EEC.

Slum dwellers in the Metropolitan Cities

*128. SHRI ATAL BIHARl VAJPAYEE: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT b_e pleased t_0 state:

(a) the $numbe_r$ of slum dwellers in the metropolitan cities of the country. Statewise;

(b) what percentage of them have basic amenities like potable water, drainage, Primary schools, first-aid posts, street light, general sanitation etc.; and

(c) whether there i_s any scheme to provide these amenities to all the slum dwellers if so, th_e details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN); (a) to c) Under the scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums implemented by, the State Governments a package of basic services like potable water, drainage, street lighting, community latrines, path ways etc. are provided. The estimated slum population of 12 cities with more than 10 lakh population, which ar_e usually regarded as metropolitan, the estimated slum population in the respective States and the expenditure during the 6th and the 7th Plans under EIUS are indicated in the attached Statement. Separate figures of coverage of slum population within metropolitan cities are not available. However, percentage of total slum population covered under the Scheme in the respective States is indicated.